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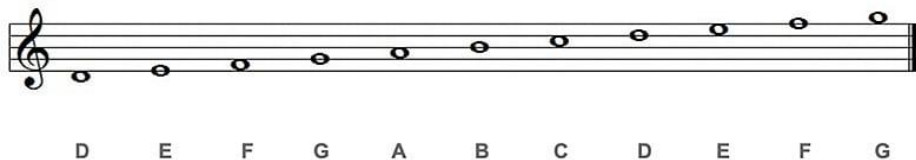
- The classical period of music included composers such as Mozart and Beethoven
- A major key is 'happy' sounding
- A minor key is 'sad' sounding

Music

Musicians use music to express themselves; to communicate and to entertain themselves and others.

Technical vocabulary

accelerando	Gradually getting faster
glissando	A 'slide' between notes i.e. when a beater is swiped over the notes of a glockenspiel. Next door notes moving stepwise up and down without leaps or gaps between the pitches
orchestrate	Choose which instruments perform which parts of the music
tempo	The speed of the music
pitch	How high or low the notes are

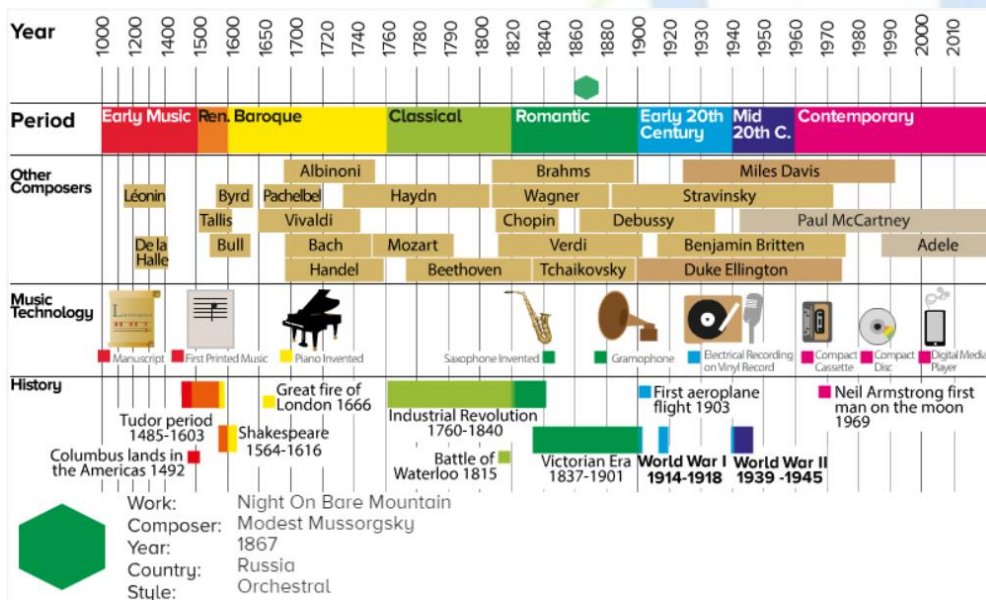


Modest Mussorgsky

Born 1839 – Died 1881 Nationality: Russian

Modest Mussorgsky was a Russian composer whose most famous works include A Night On The Bare Mountain, his opera 'Boris Godunov' and the piano suite Pictures at an Exhibition.

Sharp (#)		Raise One Half-Step
Flat (b)		Lower One Half-Step



A Night on a Bare Mountain

A Night On The Bare Mountain describes a short story in which St John sees a witches' Sabbath on the Bald Mountain near Kiev in the old Russian Empire.

It's a wild and terrifying party with lots of dancing but when the church bell chimes 6am and the sun comes up the witches vanish.

Modest Mussorgsky wrote a number of different versions of this pieces of music. When he was finally satisfied with it, his music teacher told him it wasn't good enough so he put it aside for years.

Eventually his friend and fellow composer Rimsky-Korsakov re-arranged the music for orchestra and this is the piece we know today.